(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total value of the Exim scrips still with the exporters; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken in regard to these scrips?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). The Eximscrip Scheme has been replaced by a Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System (LERMS).

(c) Statistics about the value of unutilised Eximscrips is not maintained.

(d) The designated branches of State Bank of India would be purchasing the Eximscrips from those holders of Eximscrips who wish to dispose of them, upto the end of May 1992 at a premium of 20% of the face value

Loan to Government of Haryana

5002. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the amount of loan sought by the Government of Haryana during 1991-92 and the purpose thereof;

(b) the amount of loan advanced to the State Government;

(c) whether the amount of loan advanced was much less than the amount sought by the State Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) During 1991-92, the Government of Haryana has not sought any loan assistance in addition to the amounts allocated by the Planning Commission for funding their Annual Plan 1991-92.

(b) Small Savings loan of Rs. 147.18 crores has so far been advanced to the State Government during 1991-92. Further, loan portion of Central assistance oof Rs. 85.68 crores against the allocation made by the Planning Commission has so far been advanced to the State Government during 1991-92.

(c)and (d). Question does not arise.

Defence Industrial Projects in Haryana

5004. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA:

SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up some defence industrial projects including Ordnance factory in Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be completed; and

(c) the number of persons likely to get employment there?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a): No, Sir.

(b)and (c). Do not arise.

Losses in Banks

5005. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the losses incurred by UCO Bank, New Bank of India and Punjab and Sind Bank during 1990-91 and first hald of 1991-92;

(b) the reasons therefore

(c) the action taken to prevent losses in furture; and

(d) the performance of nationalised banks vis-a-vis foreign banks and private sector banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). As per the published accounts for the year 1990-91, UCO Bank, New Bank of India and Punjab and Sind Bank have shown losses of Rs. 42.96 crores, Rs. 45.00 crores and Rs. 5.45 crores respectively. The accounts for the year 1991-92 of all public sector banks including these banks will be closed on 31st March, 1992

The operational losses are primarily due to deficiencies in their credit administration at the appraisal and post sanction stages.

(c) Government and Reserve Bank of India have taken a series of measures to improve the performance and profitability of the public sector banks including these banks. These include augmentation of their capital, rationalisation of service charges and interest rates structure and levy of commitment charges on unutilised portion of operating limits. Banks have also been advised to take measures to control expenditure on consumption of petroleum, publicity etc , draw up action plans to improve their operational efficiency and take steps to strengthen their viability and profitability by means of effective business planning and development.

(d) The better performance of foreign banks is comparison to public sector banks could be attributed, among other things, to their concentration in metropolitan and port towns, mechaniation and computerisation of operations, lower priority sector lending and higher level of non-fund business.

Selection of Officers and Staff of DGS & D for Transfer

5006. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of adhoc procurement is proposed to be transferred from DGS & D to concerned indenting Ministries/ Departments alongwith officers and staff engaged in such work;

(b) if so, the criteria followed in selection of such oicers and staff for the transfer; and

(c) whether such transfer will be for short period or on permanent basis?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). Yes Sir. Orders have been issued transferring ad hoc procurement from DGS & D to the indenting Ministries/Departments concerned. The criteria followed is to transfer the officers and staff hitherto engaged in such ad hoc procurement work to the indenting Ministries/ Departments along with the work. These transfers are of inter-ministerial or inter-departmental nature excepting in some cases providing for absorption. The Department of Supply will continue to be the cadre controlling authority for officers belonging to the Indian Supply Service.

Privatisation of Major Ports

5007. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any specific proposals from private